Approval of proposals under CRF

890. SHRILALITBHAIMEHTA:
SHRIMAT1SAVTTA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government approve the proposals of different States under Central Road Fund, for State, District and Village roads of respective State;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Central Road Fund is collected by the concerned State; and

(c) if so, why Government insist upon approving proposals under CRF which cause much delay and unnecessary administrative burden?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Collection from cess on petrol and diesel are credited to the Consolidated Fund of India. Thereafter funds as approved by Parliament are credited to the Central Road Fund.

(c) As per Central Road Fund Act, 2000, the fund is to be administered the Central Government. Hence detailed guidelines have been laid down for approval of projects.

Development of National Highways inNER

891. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been developing National Highways in the North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the funds allocated and released for development of National Highways, State-wise/Year- wise, National Highways-wise during the last three years; and

(c) the latest status of the progress of various National Highways in NER?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Funds are allocated State-wise and not National Highwatys-wise. Funds allocated to States and Border Roads Organisation (BRO) for development of National Highways in North-Eastem Region during the last three years are as under:

(Rs. crore)

State	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Assam	26.00	41.87	52.00
Manipur	7.00	10.11	8.50
Meghalaya	10:00	1730	16.50
Mizoram	—	3.00	10.00
Nagaland	2.00	8.00	15.00
BRO (AH NE States including Arunachal Pradesh and	85.00	105.43	10730

(c) Development of National Highways is a continuous process.

Grants for maintenance of NHs

892. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to Government's notice that repairing and maintenance of Nationl Highways are not upto the standard laid down therefor;

(b) whether it is due to low grants given to the States;